

her to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of section 101, add the following:

(e) **STUDYING IMPACT ON MEDICARE PART B PREMIUMS AND PREVENTING ANY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MEDICARE PART B PREMIUMS.**—

(1) **STUDY AND REPORTS.**—

(A) **STUDY.**—The Chief Actuary of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of the Actuary (referred to in this subsection as the “Chief Actuary”) shall study the potential impact of the implementation of the provisions of, and amendments made by, this section (other than this subsection) on monthly premiums under part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395j et seq.).

(B) **PRE-IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.**—Not later than January 1, 2025, the Chief Actuary shall submit to Congress a report containing the results of the study conducted under subparagraph (A).

(C) **ONGOING REPORTS ON PREMIUM IMPACT.**—Not later than the date on which the Chief Actuary determines the monthly actuarial rate for enrollees age 65 and over in each of 2037 through 2042 for the succeeding calendar year according to section 1839(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(a)(1)), the Chief Actuary shall submit to Congress a report on the amount of any projected increase in monthly premiums under such part B for such succeeding calendar year as a result of the implementation of the provisions of, and amendments made by, this section (other than this subsection).

(2) **PREVENTING ANY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PART B PREMIUMS.**—Section 1839(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(a)) is amended—

(A) in the second sentence of paragraph (1), by striking “and (7)” and inserting “(7), and (8)”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(8)(A) For each applicable year (as defined in subparagraph (C)), the Secretary shall reduce the amount of the monthly premium otherwise established under paragraph (3) for applicable enrollees by the amount the Secretary determines necessary to ensure that any increase in monthly premiums under this part for such enrollees as a result of the implementation of the provisions of, and amendments made by, section 101 of the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 (other than subsection (e) of such section) is less than the applicable amount for such year.

“(B) In this paragraph, the term ‘applicable amount’ means, with respect to an applicable year, \$15, increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (U.S. city average) for the period beginning with July 2022 and ending with July of the year preceding the year involved. Any amount determined under the preceding sentence which is not a multiple of \$1 shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$1 (or, if it is a multiple of 50 cents but not a multiple of \$1, to the next higher multiple of \$1).

“(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘applicable year’ means any year (beginning with 2038 and ending with 2043) with respect to which the projected increase in monthly premiums under this part for the year (as reported under section 101(e)(1)(C) of the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022) as a result of the implementation of the provisions of, and amendments made by, section 101 of such Act (other than subsection (e) of such section) would result in monthly premiums under this part increasing by the applicable amount for such year or more.

“(D) In this paragraph, the term ‘applicable enrollee’ means, with respect to an applicable year, an individual who is not subject to a reduction in a premium subsidy pursuant to subsection (i) for months in such year.”.

SA 4959. Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. 210. REPORT ON SAVINGS BY POLITICAL COMMITTEES DUE TO NONPROFIT MAILING DISCOUNTS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3626(e) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) Not later than 30 days after the last day of each fiscal year, the Postal Service shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives a report that details the amount that each of the following political committees saved during the fiscal year by paying the discounted rates for qualified nonprofit organizations under paragraph (1):

“(A) The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

“(B) The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

“(C) The National Republican Congressional Committee.

“(D) The National Republican Senatorial Committee.”.

(b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Section 3626(e)(2)(A) of title 39, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “Republican and” and inserting “National Republican Senatorial Committee, the”; and

(2) by striking “Committees” and inserting “Committee”; and

(3) by striking “National Congressional” and inserting “Congressional Campaign”.

SA 4960. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1216, to extend the temporary scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 2, strike “by striking ‘May 6, 2021’ and inserting ‘July 6, 2022’” and insert the following: “by striking ‘March 11, 2022’ and inserting ‘May 11, 2023’”.

SA 4961. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. 210. REPORT ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Postal Service shall submit to Congress a report analyzing—

(1) costs to the Postal Service of acquiring and operating electric vehicles versus internal combustion vehicles over the next 20 years, including assumptions about the price of electricity and gasoline; and

(2) any barrier to transitioning to a fleet of electric vehicles that exists for the Postal Service but does not exist, or does not exist to the same degree, for the competitors of the Postal Service that are currently purchasing electric vehicles.

SA 4962. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. 210. PURCHASE OF NEXT GENERATION DELIVERY VEHICLES.

In carrying out the Next Generation Delivery Vehicle contract awarded to Oshkosh Defense on February 23, 2021, the Postal Service may purchase not more than—

(1) 200 internal combustion engine vehicles during fiscal year 2022;

(2) 1,000 internal combustion engine vehicles during fiscal year 2023; and

(3) 1,000 internal combustion engine vehicles during fiscal year 2024.

SA 4963. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . . . RURAL POST OFFICES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 404(d) of title 39, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “post office,” and inserting the following: “post office and, with respect to a determination to close a post office in a rural area, as defined by the Census Bureau, including such a post office that has been damaged or completely destroyed by fire, prior to making the determinations required by paragraph (4).”; and

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking “subsection,” and inserting “subsection and, with respect to a determination to close a post office located in a rural area, as defined by the Census Bureau, including such a post office that has been damaged or completely destroyed by fire, a summary of the determinations required under paragraph (4).”; and

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) as paragraph (5), (6), and (7), respectively;

(4) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) The Postal Service may not make a determination under subsection (a)(3) to close a post office located in a rural area, as defined by the Census Bureau, including such a post office that has been damaged or completely destroyed by fire, unless the Postal Service—

“(A)(i) determines that postal customers served by the post office would continue after the closing to receive substantially similar access to essential items, such as prescription medications and time-sensitive communications, that are sent through the mail; or

“(ii) takes action to substantially ameliorate any projected reduction in access to essential items described in clause (i); and

“(B) determines that—

“(i) businesses located in the community served by the post office would not suffer substantial financial loss as a result of the closing;

“(ii) any economic loss to the community served by the post office as a result of the closing does not exceed the cost to the Postal Service of not closing the post office;

“(iii) the area served by the post office has adequate access to wired broadband internet service, as identified on the National Broadband Map of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration; and